



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 340

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL
READINESS PLAN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Child Advocate, in
2 collaboration with the Commission on Children and the Child Poverty
3 and Prevention Council, shall establish a two-generational school
4 readiness plan to promote long-term learning and economic success
5 for low-income families by addressing intergenerational barriers to
6 school readiness and workforce readiness with high-quality preschool,
7 intensified workforce training and targeted education, coupled with
8 related support services. Such plan shall include recommendations for:
9 (1) Promoting and prioritizing access to high-quality preschool for
10 three and four-year-old children who are living at seventy-five per
11 cent of the federal poverty level; (2) providing the parents of such
12 children with (A) the opportunity to acquire their high school
13 diplomas, (B) adult education, and (C) technical skills to increase their
14 employability and sustainable employment; and (3) funding for
15 implementation of the plan, including, but not limited to, use of the
16 temporary assistance for needy families program and other federal,
17 state and private funding.

18 (b) On or before December 1, 2014, the Child Advocate shall report
19 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

20 cognizance of matters relating to children, education, workforce
21 development and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in
22 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
23 on the plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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